

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1.-6. (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (New) A safety system for operating at least one electrically operated locking device of a door of a vehicle, said safety system comprising a control unit that is coupled to lock actuating devices for controlling electric opening of said door; wherein:

said control unit inhibits electric opening of the locking device, as a function of sensor values which are related to a driving situation and which indicate a hazardous situation; and

said inhibiting is also dependent on seat occupancy detected by means of a sensor.

Claim 8. (New) The safety system as claimed in Claim 7, wherein electric opening can be inhibited only for locking devices of doors which are adjacent to a vehicle occupant.

Claim 9. (New) The safety system as claimed in Claim 7, wherein electric opening can be inhibited as a function of a rate of rotation detected by a sensor, only for locking devices of doors on a radially outer side of the vehicle relative to a rotational axis.

Claim 10. (New) The safety system as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the door of the vehicle is one of a tailgate and a rear door.

Claim 11. (New) The safety system as claimed in Claim 7, wherein said control unit maintains an impact-induced opening blockage for a period of time.

Claim 12. (New) The safety system as claimed in Claim 7, wherein electric opening of the locking device is inhibited as a function of sensor values generated by a crash sensor.